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SUBJ: TFRWOL: IFRC UPDATE ON RWANDA CRISIS AS OF APRIL 19

1. ON APRIL 19, THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES (IFRC) IN GENEVA ISSUED A SITUATION REPORT RELATING TO THE RWANDA CRISIS. IFRC REPORTS THAT RWANDAN REFUGEE FLOWS INTO THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES ARE STEADILY INCREASING AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT MAY HAVE TO LAUNCH AN ADDITIONAL APPEAL FOR FUNDS. IFRC HAS RECEIVED SO FAR SFR. 700,000 AGAINST ITS APPEAL OF SFR. 3,452,000. FULL TEXT IS REPRODUCED IN PARA 2 BELOW.

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2. BEGIN TEXT --

- BURUNDI, TANZANIA, UGANDA, ZAIRE: RWANDAN REFUGEES

- SUMMARY

- THE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRIES NEIGHBORING RWANDA ARE STEADILY INCREASING AFTER, IN MANY CASES, PERILOUS ESCAPES FROM DEATH. MANY OF THE REFUGEES FROM RWANDA, PREDOMINANTLY FROM THE TUTSI MINORITY GROUP, ARE WOUNDED. THE FEDERATION, WORKING WITH UNHCR, WFP AND THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES OF UGANDA, TANZANIA, ZAIRE AND BURUNDI ARE RAPIDLY INCREASING EFFORTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THESE REFUGEES. THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IS CHANGING DAILY AND THERE ARE REPORTS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE ON THE MOVE WITHIN RWANDA. AT THIS TIME AS FIGHTING CONTINUES INSIDE RWANDA, THERE ARE REPORTS THAT BOTH SIDES TO THE CONFLICT ARE REFUSING TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO LEAVE THE

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COUNTRY. AS MENTIONED IN THE PREPAREDNESS APPEAL OF APRIL 14, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AN ADDITIONAL APPEAL WILL HAVE TO BE LAUNCHED AS THE NEEDS INCREASE. THE RESPONSE TO THE FEDERATION APPEAL LAUNCHED ON APRIL 14 FOR SFR. 3,452,000 HAS REACHED NEARLY SFR. 700,000 IN CASH AND IN KIND.

- GENERAL SITUATION

- THE HORRIFIC AND TRAGIC EVENTS CONTINUE INSIDE RWANDA AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY WHILE MANY MORE ARE TRYING TO FIND THEIR WAY OUT. HEAVY FIGHTING IS CONTINUING IN THE CAPITAL, KIGALI. A SHELL IS REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED IN THE FOOTBALL STADIUM WHERE 5,000 PEOPLE ARE TAKING SHELTER. UNHCR REPORTS THAT SOME 26,000 PEOPLE HAVE FLED RWANDA SINCE CIVIL STRIFE BROKE OUT LAST WEEK. MANY THOUSANDS MORE ARE REPORTED TO BE ON THE MOVE WITHIN RWANDA BUT ARE BEING HELD BACK AT THE BORDERS BY BOTH SIDES TO THE CONFLICT. FEDERATION DELEGATIONS IN UGANDA AND TANZANIA HAVE HEARD OF SEVERAL THOUSANDS MASSING ACROSS THE RESPECTIVE BORDERS WITH RWANDA.

- NATIONAL SOCIETY/FEDERATION ACTION

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- UGANDA: UGANDA HAS RECEIVED RWANDAN REFUGEES INTO  
  
TWO DISTRICTS, NAMELY NTUNGAMO AND KISORO. NTUNGAMO HAS  
RECEIVED 3,500 REFUGEES NOW CAMPED IN THREE PRIMARY  
SCHOOLS. THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT  
THESE REFUGEES WILL BE MOVED TO OTHER SITES AS THEY ARE  
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NOW ONLY TWO TO THREE KMS FROM THE BORDER. IT IS ALSO  
INDICATED THAT THERE ARE UP TO 10,000 RWANDANS, MAINLY  
OF HUTU ORIGIN, WHO ARE BEING STOPPED FROM CROSSING THE  
BORDER BY FORCES OF THE RWANDA PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF).

- IN KISORO, THE 500 REFUGEES ARE HOUSED IN A UGANDA  
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION BLOCK AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
REGISTERED. A REFUGEE CAMP REMAINS IN THE DISTRICT  
WHERE FOR NINE MONTHS UP TO LAST YEAR, THE UGANDA RED  
CROSS SOCIETY (URCS) WAS THE IMPLEMENTING PARTNER WITH  
UNHCR, IN A CAMP FOR TUTU REFUGEES WHO HAVE SINCE  
RETURNED TO RWANDA.

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- AT A MEETING IN KAMPALA YESTERDAY MORNING, IT WAS AGREED THAT URCS/FEDERATION AND UNHCR WILL LIAISE ON NON-FOOD NEEDS. URCS IS SENDING BLANKETS, SAUCEPANS, JERRYCANS AND SOAPS FROM DISASTER PREPAREDNESS STOCKS TO THE TWO DISTRICTS. A FEDERATION DELEGATE AND A URCS COUNTERPART ARE MONITORING THE SITUATION ON THE BORDER. THE GOVERNMENT, UNHCR AND WFP ARE TO CARRY OUT A FOOD NEEDS ASSESSMENT. MSF WILL CARRY OUT A MEDICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT.

- TANZANIA: 7,000 NEW REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVED OF WHOM 1,000 ARE IN NGARA DISTRICT WHERE THE FEDERATION IS WORKING. THE REMAINDER ARE IN THE KARAGWE AREA, 250 KM NORTH OF NGARA WHERE THE SITUATION IS PRESENTLY BEING ASSESSED BY UNHCR. AS ACCESS TO THIS AREA IS VERY DIFFICULT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE REFUGEES. A JOINT FEDERATION/TANZANIA RED CROSS/BELGIAN RED CROSS ASSESSMENT IS CURRENTLY IN THE AREA.

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- OF THE 1,000, THE TUTSIS WILL BE MOVED TO THE TANZANIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (TRCS)/FEDERATION CAMP IN BURIGI, 200 KM SOUTH. THE HUTUS WILL GO TO THE FEDERATION CAMP IN LUKOLE WHERE THERE ARE ALREADY 4,000 BURUNDIAN REFUGEES. ANOTHER 6,000 BURUNDIANS WHO WERE IN SOUTHERN GARA WILL BE MOVED TO LUKOLE. THE FEDERATION HAS TAKEN STEPS TO STRENGTHEN THE DELEGATION IN NGARA.

- ZAIRE: IN GOMA THERE ARE REPORTEDLY 10,000 TO  
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13,000 NEW ARRIVALS. THE ZONE IS HIGHLY FRAGILE AND IT IS LIKELY THAT THESE REFUGEES WILL BE MOVED TO UGANDA. APPROXIMATELY 1,000 HAVE NEWLY ARRIVED IN BUKAVU AND WILL BENEFIT FROM FEDERATION ASSISTANCE. THEY JOIN THE 80,000 BURUNDIAN REFUGEES THAT ARRIVED THERE SINCE OCTOBER 1993. THE FEDERATION HAS BEEN TAKING PART IN A NEEDS ASSESSMENT WITH UNHCR AND THE BELGIAN RED CROSS.

- BURUNDI: THE FEDERATION IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNHCR TO ASSIST 1,000 NEWLY ARRIVED RWANDANS PLUS 11,000 BURUNDIAN RETURNEES FROM KIRUNDO CAMP IN RWANDA WHO ARE NOW DISPLACED WITHIN BURUNDI.

- RWANDA: IT HAS BEEN AGREED WITH THE ICRC THAT DUE TO THE DETERIORATING SECURITY CONDITIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF RWANDA, WHERE NEARLY 50 PERCENT OF THE BURUNDIAN REFUGEES IN RWANDA ARE LOCATED AND RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERATION, THE ICRC WILL BE THE LEAD RED CROSS AGENCY IN RWANDA. THE EARLIER HOPES FOR A CROSS BORDER OPERATION INTO RWANDA HAVE BEEN DASHED WITH THE SPREAD OF THE CONFLICT TO THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY.

- THE FEDERATION WILL THUS CONCENTRATE ITS ACTIVITIES ON REFUGEE MOVEMENTS FROM RWANDA AS WELL AS DISPLACED RETURNEES TO BURUNDI.

- CONTRIBUTIONS

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- REQUESTED IN APPEAL	SFR. 3,452,000
- RECEIVED IN CASH AND KIND	SFR. 700,000

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- CONCLUSION

- AS THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO WORSEN, THE  
FEDERATION, IN CO-OPERATION WITH UNHCR, WFP AND THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETIES, IS GEARING UP TO MEET THE NEEDS OF  
THE VICTIMS. THE EAST AFRICA REGIONAL DELEGATION IS  
PLAYING A STRONG SUPPORT ROLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF  
SUPPLIES AND LOGISTICS, AND THE NEWLY APPOINTED  
EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATOR IS BASED FOR THE MOMENT IN  
NAIROBI. END TEXT.

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3. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SPIEGEL

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